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THIS OBJECTION SEEKS TO DISALLOW AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN FILED PROOFS OF CLAIM. PARTIES RECEIVING THIS TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS SHOULD REVIEW THE OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO SEE IF THEIR NAME(S) AND/OR CLAIM(S) ARE LOCATED IN THE OMNIBUS OBJECTION AND/OR IN THE EXHIBIT ATTACHED THERETO TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS OBJECTION AFFECTS THEIR CLAIM(S).

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC.'S COUNSEL, MAURICE HORWITZ, AT 212-310-8883.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

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LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (JMP)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (DUPLICATIVE CLAIMS)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April [], 2012, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI" and the "Plan Administrator"), as Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors

(the "Plan") for the entities in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Estates") filed their two hundred eighty-fifth omnibus objection to claims (the "Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims"), and that a hearing (the "Hearing") to consider the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims will be held before the Honorable James M. Peck, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom 601 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, on May 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses to the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims must be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (a) electronically in accordance with General Order M-242 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's filing system, and (b) by all other parties in interest, on a 3.5 inch disk, preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with General Order M-182 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov), and served in accordance with General Order M-242, and on (i) the chambers of the Honorable James M. Peck, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, Courtroom 601; (ii) attorneys for the Chapter 11 Estates, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Robert J. Lemons, Esq. and Maurice Horwitz, Esq.); and (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 2, 33 Whitehall Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004 (Attn: Tracy Hope Davis, Esq.).

Elisabetta Gasparini, Esq. and Andrea B. Schwartz, Esq.); so as to be so filed and received by no later than May 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Response Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no responses are timely filed and served with respect to the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims or any claim set forth thereon, the Plan Administrator may, on or after the Response Deadline, submit to the Bankruptcy Court an order substantially in the form of the proposed order annexed to the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims, which order may be entered with no further notice or opportunity to be heard offered to any party.

Dated: April 16, 2012

New York, New York

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (DUPLICATIVE CLAIMS)

THIS OBJECTION SEEKS TO DISALLOW AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN FILED PROOFS OF CLAIM. PARTIES RECEIVING THIS TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS SHOULD REVIEW THE OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO SEE IF THEIR NAME(S) AND/OR CLAIM(S) ARE LOCATED IN THE OMNIBUS OBJECTION AND/OR IN THE EXHIBIT ATTACHED THERETO TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS OBJECTION AFFECTS THEIR CLAIM(S).

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC.'S COUNSEL, MAURICE HORWITZ, AT 212-310-8883.

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES M. PECK UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("<u>LBHI</u>" and the "<u>Plan Administrator</u>"), as Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors (the "<u>Plan</u>") for the entities in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Estates"), respectfully represents:

Relief Requested

- 1. The Plan Administrator files this two hundred eighty-fifth omnibus objection to claims (the "Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims"), pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and this Court's order approving procedures for the filing of omnibus objections to proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases (the "Procedures Order") [Docket No. 6664], seeking disallowance and expungement of the claims listed on Exhibit A annexed hereto.
- 2. The Plan Administrator has examined the proofs of claim identified on Exhibit A and has determined that the proofs of claim listed under the heading "Claims to be Disallowed and Expunged" (collectively, the "Duplicative Claims") are duplicative, either entirely or in substance, of the corresponding claims identified under the heading "Surviving Claims" (collectively, the "Surviving Claims"). The Plan Administrator seeks the disallowance and expungement from the Court's claims register of the Duplicative Claims and preservation of the Plan Administrator's right to later object to any Surviving Claim on any basis.
- 3. This Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims does not affect any of the Surviving Claims and does not constitute any admission or finding with respect

to any of the Surviving Claims. Further, the Plan Administrator reserves all its rights to object on any basis to any Duplicative Claim as to which the Court does not grant the relief requested herein.

Jurisdiction

4. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

Background

- 5. Commencing on September 15, 2008, and periodically thereafter, LBHI and certain of its subsidiaries commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. These chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).
- 6. On January 14, 2010, the Court entered the Procedures Order, which authorizes the filing of omnibus objections to no more than 500 claims at a time, on various grounds, including those set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d) and those additional grounds set forth in the Procedures Order.
- 7. On December 6, 2011, the Court approved and entered an order confirming the Plan. The Plan became effective on March 6, 2012.
- 8. Pursuant to the Plan, the Plan Administrator is authorized to impose and prosecute objections to claims filed against the Chapter 11 Estates.

The Duplicative Claims Should Be Disallowed and Expunged

9. In reviewing the claims filed on the claims register in these cases and maintained by the Court-appointed claims agent, the Plan Administrator has identified the claims on Exhibit A as Duplicative Claims that are either exact duplicates or are in substance duplicates

of the corresponding Surviving Claims. Specifically, the Duplicative Claims were filed by the same claimants against the same Chapter 11 Estates, in most instances for the same dollar amounts, and on account of the same obligations as the corresponding Surviving Claims.

- objects." 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). If an objection refuting at least one of the claim's essential allegations is asserted, the claimant has the burden to demonstrate the validity of the claim. *See In re Oneida Ltd.*, 400 B.R. 384, 389 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009); *In re Adelphia Commc'ns Corp.*, Ch. 11 Case No. 02-41729 (REG), 2007 Bankr. LEXIS 660 at *15 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 20, 2007); *In re Rockefeller Ctr. Props.*, 272 B.R. 524, 539 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2000).
- 11. Section 502(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that a claim may not be allowed to the extent that "such claim is unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor, under any agreement or applicable law." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(1). Accordingly, courts in the Southern District of New York routinely disallow and expunge duplicative claims filed by the same creditor against the same debtors. *See, e.g., In re Worldcom, Inc.*, Case No. 02-13533 (AJG), 2005 WL 3875191, at *8 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. June 3, 2005) (expunging duplicate claim); *In re Best Payphones, Inc.*, Case No. 01-15472, 2002 WL 31767796, at *4, 11 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 11, 2002) (expunging duplicate claim); *In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, Inc.*, 148 B.R. 993, 1001-02 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (dismissing duplicate claim).
- 12. The Chapter 11 Estates cannot be required to pay on the same claim more than once. *See, e.g., In re Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley, Myerson, & Casey*, 160 B.R. 882, 894 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1993) ("In bankruptcy, multiple recoveries for an identical injury are generally disallowed."). Elimination of redundant claims will also enable the

Chapter 11 Estates to maintain a claims register that more accurately reflects the proper claims existing against the Debtors.

begin on April 17, 2012. It would be inequitable and inappropriate for holders of claims subject to this objection to receive distributions on account of Duplicative Claims. Accordingly, to avoid the possibility of a creditor receiving duplicative or multiple recoveries on its claim, the Debtors request that the Court disallow and expunge in their entirety the Duplicative Claims listed on Exhibit A. The Surviving Claims will remain on the claims register subject to further objections on any basis.

Notice

14. No trustee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. Notice of this Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims has been provided to (i) the U.S. Trustee; (ii) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (iii) the Internal Revenue Service; (iv) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; (v) each claimant listed on Exhibit A; and (vi) all other parties entitled to notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in the second amended order entered on June 17, 2010 governing case management and administrative procedures for these cases [Docket No. 9635]. The Plan Administrator submits that no other or further notice need be provided.

¹ Where a creditor has filed different documentation in support of the Duplicative Claim and the Surviving Claim, the Chapter 11 Estates will treat all documentation filed with the claims as having been filed in support of the Surviving Claim.

15. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Plan Administrator or the Debtors to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE the Plan Administrator respectfully requests that the Court grant the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: April 16, 2012

New York, New York

/s/ Robert J. Lemons

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Exhibit A

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IN RE: LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., ET AL., CASE NO: 08-13555 (JMP)

OMNIBUS OBJECTION 285: EXHIBIT A - DUPLICATIVE CLAIMS

CLAIMS TO BE DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED **SURVIVING CLAIMS** DATE CASE **CLAIM TOTAL CLAIM** DATE CASE **CLAIM** TOTAL CLAIM NAME **FILED NUMBER DOLLARS** NAME **FILED DOLLARS** # **NUMBER** # \$2,209,112.25 1 AVIVA LIFE & ANNUITY 12/22/2011 08-13555 67813 **AMERICAN INVESTORS** 12/16/2009 08-13555 65963 \$2,209,112.25 CO. F/K/A AMERICAN (JMP) LIFE INSURANCE CO., INC. (JMP) **INVESTORS LIFE** N/K/A AVIVA LIFE **INSURANCE CO.,** ANNUITY CO. INC. C/O AVIVA C/O AVIVA IVESTORS **INVESTORS NORTH** NORTH AMERICA, INC. AMERICA, INC., 699 WALNUT STREET, SUITE **ATTN: SHANI HATFIELD** 1700 699 WALNUT STREET, **DES MOINES, IA 50309 SUITE 17000** DES MOINES, IA 50309 2 FENG GUOMING 11/04/2009 08-13555 64579 \$410,000.00* FENG GUOMING 08-13555 61320 \$224,570.03 11/02/2009 (JMP) (JMP) 3575, CAO AN GONG LU 3575, CAO AN GONG LU SHANGHAI, PRC 201812 SHANGHAI, PRC 201812 CHINA **CHINA** 3 LEHMAN BROTHERS 03/05/2012 08-13555 67945 Undetermined LEHMAN BROTHERS REAL 03/05/2012 08-13555 68031 Undetermined REAL ESTATE (JMP) **ESTATE MEZZANINE** (JMP) **MEZZANINE CAPITAL** CAPITAL PARTNERS LP **PARTNERS LP** ATTN: RODOLPHO ATTN: JOHN PRETE AND AMBOSS AND JI YEONG **GABRIEL WILLEY** CHU 280 PARK AVENUE, 35TH 1330 AVENUE OF THE **FLOOR AMERICAS, 12TH FLOOR** NEW YORK, NY 10017 NEW YORK, NY 10019

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OMNIBUS OBJECTION 285: EXHIBIT A - DUPLICATIVE CLAIMS

CLAIMS TO BE DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED						SURVIVING CLAIMS				
	NAME	DATE FILED	CASE NUMBER	CLAIM #	TOTAL CLAIM DOLLARS	NAME	DATE FILED	CASE NUMBER	CLAIM #	TOTAL CLAIM DOLLARS
4	TOGEL, SILVIA AND SILVIA NATASCHA ZIEHRERGASSE 15 KLOSTERNEUBURG, 3400 AUSTRIA	03/05/2012	08-13555 (JMP)	67943	\$17,172.00	KONSTANTIN, DI DR., & TOGEL, SILVIA, MAG. ZIEHRERGASSE 15 KLOSTERNEUBURG, 3400 AUSTRIA	10/22/2009	08-13555 (JMP)	43553	\$17,029.27

\$2,636,284.25

TOTAL

* - Indicates claim contains unliquidated and/or undetermined amounts

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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ORDER GRANTING TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (DUPLICATIVE CLAIMS)

Upon the two hundred eighty-fifth omnibus objection to claims, dated April 16, 2012 (the "Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims"), of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI" and the "Plan Administrator"), as Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors (the "Plan"), in accordance with section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and this Court's order approving procedures for the filing of omnibus objections to proofs of claim [Docket No. 6664], seeking disallowance and expungement of the Duplicative Claims on the grounds that such claims are duplicative of the corresponding Surviving Claims, either exactly or in substance, all as more fully described in the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims; and due and proper notice of the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims having been provided to (i) the U.S. Trustee; (ii) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (iii) the Internal Revenue Service; (iv) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; (v) the claimants listed on Exhibit A attached to the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims; and (vi) all other parties entitled to notice in accordance

² Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims.

with the procedures set forth in the second amended order entered on June 17, 2010 governing case management and administrative procedures for these cases [Docket No. 9635]; and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims is in the best interests of the Chapter 11 Estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the relief requested in the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus

Objection to Claims is granted to the extent provided herein; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the claims listed on Exhibit 1 annexed hereto under the heading "Claims to be Disallowed and Expunged" (collectively, the "Duplicative Claims") are disallowed and expunged in their entirety with prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED that the claims listed on Exhibit 1 annexed hereto under the heading "Surviving Claims" (collectively, the "Surviving Claims") will remain on the claims register subject to the Plan Administrator's right to object as set forth herein; and it is further

ORDERED that all information included on and all documentation filed in support of any Duplicative Claims, including, but not limited to, derivative and guarantee questionnaires and supporting documentation, shall be treated as having been filed in support of the corresponding Surviving Claims; and it is further

ORDERED that nothing in this Order or the disallowance and expungement of the Duplicative Claims constitutes any admission or finding with respect to any of the Surviving

Claims, and the Plan Administrator's rights to object to the Surviving Claims on any basis are preserved; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order has no res judicata, estoppel, or other effect on the validity, allowance, or disallowance of, and all rights to object and defend on any basis are expressly reserved with respect to, (i) any claim listed on Exhibit A annexed to the Two Hundred Eighty-Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims under the heading "Claims to be Disallowed and Expunged" that is not listed on Exhibit 1 annexed hereto and (ii) any Surviving Claim; provided, however, that if the Court subsequently orders that a Surviving Claim is not appropriately duplicative of the corresponding Duplicative Claim, then the claims agent shall be authorized and directed to immediately reinstate such Duplicative Claim in these chapter 11 cases (the "Reinstated Claim"), and the rights of all interested parties with respect to the Reinstated Claim shall be expressly reserved; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated:, 2012 New York, New York	
	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE